



# MINS EXPRESS

Millbrae Nursery School | Cooperative Preschool | Family Newsletter

## Upcoming Events

Thurs, Oct 1st: Tuition Due

Mon, Oct 5th: Board Meeting

Wed, Oct 7th: Staff & Parent  
Potluck 10- 1 (*optional*)

Fri, Oct 9th: Pre-K Field trip to  
Farmer John's Pumpkin Patch

Mon, Oct 12th: No School

Tues, Oct 13th: All Parent  
Membership Meeting 7 - 9 pm  
(babysitting available \$10)

Wed, Oct 14th: Walk-a-thon

Fri, Oct 16th: 2/3 & 3/4 yr old  
Pumpkin Patch Field Trip

Fri, Oct 23rd: Halloween Party  
& Potluck 6 - 8 pm

Fri, Oct 30th: Classroom  
Halloween Celebrations

Mon, Nov 2nd: Tuition Due &  
Board Meeting 6 pm

Wed, Nov 4th: Ceramics &  
Picture Day for Morning  
Classes

Thursday, Nov 5th: Picture Day  
for Pre-K Class

Wed, Nov 11th: Veterans Day,  
No School

## From the Director



What a wonderful night at Bacchus Wine Shop. The venue was modernized and welcoming; it was a great evening to be out with adults. The food\* drinks \* and company made the social quite the event. If you didn't attend, you missed out on the great company of those attending and earning fundraising \$. Please be sure to stop in and thank Quinton Jay and Pape's Meat Market; the wine and meats are delicious there!

Thank you to... One Martial Arts for their workers and site which was donated for childcare that evening. A Special Thank you to our Fundraising Chair's Leslie Chu Yelo and Heidi Lee Hung for organizing an amazing enjoyable night.

Keep the enthusiasm going, the fun and growth is just beginning.

*Always, Brigidan*

### *School Wish List:*

- Shaped bean bags (for tossing!)
- Blender (Ninja or Vitamix)

**Teacher Megan and Teacher Norma's Class - 2/3 year olds**

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The month of October is already here and the kiddos have grown so much in such a short time. Their little personalities are shining though and we have been lucky enough to take part in that. Many of the kiddos have become familiar with the words use here “stop your body” or “May I have a turn please?”. Seeing this growth in them is so exciting. Norma and I can't wait to see what the end of the year will bring. The month of October has a special holiday for our children —Halloween!! Many of our learning experiences this month will be associated with not only Halloween, but with the change of weather (hopefully), trees and other things around us. We will be changing our colors to black and orange and using circles to make pumpkins and decorate them. In class, we plan on baking pumpkin bread and looking at pumpkin seeds. We will have our first field trip this month to the pumpkin patch. This will allow us to talk to the kiddos about safety procedures for this trip.

*Teacher Norma and Teacher Megan*



### Teacher Sandra -3/4 year olds

September was a great month! The kiddos have done a fantastic job getting to know our school, our schedule and routine, their teachers and peers. We have talked about making friends, taking turns, recognizing our first name, using our words and our listening ears. We have talked about our September colors and shape- yellow, red, circle- and worked on different math activities like sorting, counting and classification. For our self project, we discussed our different skin colors, eye colors and hair colors. Our mini people are on display.

For October, we are focusing on pumpkins. We will be visiting a real pumpkin farm that grows many different kinds of pumpkins! We will be using pumpkins in our math, science, and art activities. We will talk about our feelings and using our five senses to explore the world around us. Our October colors will be orange and black. We will be finishing our month with a Halloween parade and Halloween costume party for our families.

Please continue to help your child practice covering their coughs and sneezes in their elbows, washing hands, using soft touches, and saying “please” and “thank you”. With gentle reminders and adult modeling, we can help the kiddos learn to respect one another, our classroom, and keep each other safe and healthy.

All the Best,

*Teacher Sandra*



#### *Class Wish List:*

- Walgreens gift card (for portfolio photos)
- Michael's gift card
- Beige 8.5x11 cardstock (can be found at Michaels in packs of 50)
- Variety of buttons
- 2 Packs of Black Permanent Markers (Thin and Thick)

**Teacher Brigidan & Teacher Sasha -Pre-K**

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We are getting ready for Kindergarten! As we get ready, our listening skills are improving and we are learning to build on old and new friendships. Learning to work (our play is our work) together. You, our parents/teachers are such a vital part of your child's day. Thank you for working so hard and with great enthusiasm. It shows in your children!

The season of FALL has begun and will be part of our topic for discussion. Please join us on our fieldtrip to Farmer John's Pumpkin Patch. It is a wonderful opportunity to see what and where things grow on a real farm. Building memories that will last a life time for your child and you.

As we head into fall there are a lot of customs and family traditions that are passed on and new ones that are created. Please share with us how you celebrate in your home with your family. Sharing your customs and educating everyone enriched all of our lives.

Howard is now a big brother! Congratulations to Sabrina and Maojiang on their new baby boy!

Welcome FALL and everything the new season will bring!

*Teacher Brigidan & Teacher Sasha*



## Fundraising

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Dear Parents,

Please remember that your family is responsible for fundraising a minimum of \$400 this school year. Take note of the following events that will help you achieve that goal:

**Millbrae Nursery School's 3rd Annual Walk-A-Thon** is coming up! This event will take place at the Amazing Playground at school on Wednesday, October 14, 2015. Sponsor sheets and an informational guide has been placed in each child's folder at school, and a copy of both sheets was sent via e-mail. Below are some key dates to remember.

\*\* Sponsor Sheet Due Date: October 12, 2015

\*\* Walk-A-Thon Event: October 14, 2015

\*\* Pledge Monies Due: October 23, 2015

**Millbrae Nursery School's Holiday Ceramics Sale** is also coming up! Your child/children will decorate ceramics which you select during the week of November 2, 2015. Below are key dates to remember:

\*\* Order Forms Distributed: October 15, 2015

\*\* Order Forms to be Returned to MNS: October 28, 2015

\*\* In-class Ceramic Painting: Week of November 2, 2015

Don't forget to go on [restaurant.com](http://restaurant.com) and [Escrip.com](http://Escrip.com) to shop! Part your proceeds will go towards your fundraising requirement!

Thank you,

*Leslie & Heidi*



## Co-Presidents

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Dear MNS Parents,

After 4 good weeks of school, Larke and I would like to report to you the events of the school this past month and the events that you should look forward to in the near future. As always, do not hesitate to contact me, Larke or any board and staff member about any of these events and how you can participate in them.

### Past Events

Wine and Beer Social - Our first school fundraiser on Saturday, September 19 at Bacchus Wine Shop was in every respect a success. Our goal was really to allow old and new parents as well as school staff an opportunity to mingle, to get to know each other, and to have some fun. All the while, we raised money for the school and our kiddos and unequivocally formed a more defined school community. We hope to continue to get to know you and your family more as the school year trucks along, so even if you were unable to attend this event, our mingling should continue at school and in future events.

One Martial Arts - During our school fundraiser, many of our kiddos bounced up and down, threw dodge balls, danced, and even broke wooden boards with a martial arts kick at One Martial Arts in Millbrae. This school partner supported MNS by donating all of its childcare cost back to our school and even gifted an auction item for our parent mixer event.

Millbrae Art and Wine Festival – Traditionally present for many years, MNS was a contingent at the annual Millbrae Art and Wine Festival during the weekend of September 5 and 6 with a full booth of staff and parents representing our school as a long established and recognized institution in the greater peninsula community. We were greeted by so many alumni students and their families, and we have provided information to new potential families and their kiddos.

Housekeeping – As part of our cooperative membership, parents with last names starting from A thru J helped clean the school this past Saturday morning on September 26. The parents dug in to ensure that our kiddos play and learn in a clean, safe, and disinfected environment by washing toys, scrubbing down tables and chairs, disinfecting the bathrooms, and repairing equipment as needed all while chatting and getting to know each other more. It really was a cleansing party.

### Future Events

Walk-A-Thon – The exciting race where 2 to 5 year olds walk laps around the school yard without breaking a sweat is the renowned MNS Walk-A-Thon, taking place Wednesday morning on October 14. While you may not be able to attend this highly rated race, you can be there in spirit by obtaining pledges and sponsors from relatives and co-workers for your kiddo's race. Your child's pledges/sponsor may sign up on the Walk-A-Thon form distributed to you by email and in your mailbox, which are due back to the school by Tuesday, October 13. Make your child's laps around the school yard worthy of recognition and praise.

Full Membership Meeting – Each family is a member of our MNS school co-op, and our first full membership meeting is scheduled for Tuesday evening, October 13, starting 7:00PM at the school. Our board is trying to secure a guest speaker from law enforcement to present on child safety tips and tools, but if that cannot be achieved by then, we will still have a full agenda of school business to discuss with the full membership. Please have at least one family member attend.

October Field Trips – Like Charlie Brown and the Pumpkin Patch, our kiddos will be going to the Farmer John’s Pumpkin Patch on October 9 (PreK class) and October 16 (2-3 year and 3-4 year class) to select pumpkins and have a bit of Autumn fun. All parents are invited and encouraged to go with their class as this also helps with transportation but mainly to have fun with the kiddos.

Halloween Party – The MNS Halloween Family Party is Friday, October 23, from 6 to 8 PM at the school, and it’s a pot luck. Details on the pot luck will be forthcoming, but it is expected to be scary fun for parents and children alike. I hope to see you there.

Halloween Class Parade – Of course, we can’t pass October without the children’s costume parade, Friday during your child’s class on October 30th. Children come to school in their costumes and show off their wear in a grand parade around the classrooms. All are welcome, but just in case you can’t make it, pictures are taken by the school.

That’s all, folks. It’s going to be a lot of fun this October. Let me, Larke, any board member and school staff know if you have any questions about these events and we are sure to respond.

With care,

*Hong and Larke*

MNS Board Presidents



*Keep in Touch with Millbrae  
Nursery School on Facebook!*

Join the group “Millbrae Nursery School Parents” to interact with other parents at the school and “like” Millbrae Nursery School’s public page to see updates from the classrooms.